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SUBJECT: PALEMBANG MEETING

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SUMMARY. UPON RETURNING FROM PALEMBANG MEETING MAY 7, PM RAZAK CONFIRMED TO PRESS THAT RELATIONS WITH CHINA AND SOUTHERN PHILIPPINE PROBLEM WERE DISCUSSED DURING HIS MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT SHARTO. HIS COMMENTS ALSO INDICATE RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA AND THE U. S. STOCKPILE ISSUE WERE REVIEWED. END SUMMARY.

1. TALKING WITH PRESS UPON HIS RETURN FROM PALEMBANG MAY 7, PM RAZAK DESCRIBED MEETINGS WITH SUHARTO AS "USEFUL WEEKEND" AND ADDED THEY HAD AGREED TO HOLD SIMILAR MEETINGS FROM TIME TO TIME. HE SAID THEY EXCHANGED VIEWS ON A BROAD RANGE OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING BILATERAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MATTERS.

2. RAZAK CONFIRMED THAT DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH PRC WERE DISCUSSED,
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BUT OFFERED NO INSIGHT ON SUBSTANCE, OR HINT AS TO TIMING. IN REPLY TO QUERY AS TO WHETHER TIES WITH PEKING WOULD BE ESTABLISHED THIS YEAR, PM SAID " I DON' T KNOW. WE HAVE HAD NO OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH PEKING YET." WHEN THE DECISION IS MADE, HE CONCLUDED, WE WILL INFORM " OUR FRIENDS".

3. ON QUERY CONCERNING TIES WITH PYONGYANG, RAZAK TERSELY COUNTERED " THIS IS A MATTER ENTIRELY FOR US AGAIN."

4. ON US STOCKPILE TIN RELEASES, PM SIAD GOM HAD ALREADY CONVEYED TO WASHINGTON THAT RELEASE IN LARGE QUANTITIES WOULD AFFECT MALAYSIAN ECONOMY. " WE HAVE TOLD THEM THAT IF THEY PROCEED WITH THE RELEASE, WE MAY HAVE TO CLOSE SOME OF OUR MINES", HE CONCLUDED.

5. RAZAK CONFIRMED THAT HE AND SUHARTO HAD DISCUSSED SOUTHERN PHILIPPINE MUSLIM PROBLEM, BUT DENIED THEY HAD TALKED ABOUT POSSIBLE THREE NATION SUMMIT MEETING TO SETTLE ISSUE. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION AS TO WHETHER GOM HAD BEEN SEEKING SETTLEMENT LATELY, RAZAK SIAD " THE PROBLEM IS NOT OURS. THEY (GOP) HAVE MADE THE CLAIM. WE WOULD BE VERY GLAD IF INDONESIA COULD HELP SETTLE PROBLEM. "

6. ACCORDING TO UPI REPORT FROM PALEMBANG, RAZAK IN PRE-DEPARTURE COMMENT SAID MALAYSIA WOULD WELCOME, BUT HAS NOT RECEIVED AN OFFER OF MEDIATION IN ITS DISPUTE WITH PHINES OVER SABAH. " WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL. SUCH AN OFFER WOULD BE VERY WELCOME," HE CONCLUDED.

7. COMMENT: INTERESTING, BUT PROBABLY OF NO SIGNIFICANCE, WAS FACT RAZAK USED SABAH CHIEF MINISTER MUSTAPHA' S EXECUTIVE JET ON RETURN TRIP FROM PALEMBANG AND PICTURE OF MUSTAPHA WELCOMING RAZAK HOME WAS FRONTPAGED IN THIS MORNING' S STRAITS TIMES.

8. EMBASSY WILL SEEK OBTAIN MORE COMPLETE PICTURE OF PALEMBANG MEETING FROM AIDES WHO ACCOMPANIED RAZAK. LYDMAN

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